

Statements of occupant of D98 'Yudha Purnama'

Statement of Yudha PURNAMA

I MR. YUDHA PURNAMA (#11767) make the following voluntary statement without fear, threat or promise.

I have been employed with Holland America since September, 1996 and have been onboard M/S Nieu Amsterdam since September, 1999.

ON MAY 23, 2000 at approximately 0700 hours I went to work but returned to my cabin (D-98) between approximately 0900-0915 hours and was going to make myself a cup of coffee but did not have any coffee filters so I used the coffee maker in my cabin to heat water for tea. I filled one glass with water from the cabin sink and placed it into the top of the coffee maker which I had plugged into a receptacle at the end of a 110 volt extension cord which was on top of a table above the coffee maker. I also switched the coffee maker on (front of the maker) and placed the empty glass onto the hot plate until it was filled with hot water. I made my tea but did not finish drinking it when I was paged by my supervisor, MR. SUKARSO. I was still on duty and should not have been in my cabin

witnessed:

K. Brionette
5/26/00

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Signed
Yudha
5/26/00

Statement of Yudha Purnama (Con't)

so I left before finishing my tea. I did turn off the coffee maker (front switch) but did not unplug the coffee maker from the receptacle before leaving the cabin. I saw MR. Dony Firdaus when I left the cabin & we exchanged a few words before I went to the store room on "B" deck Aft where I loaded a push cart with five (5) cases of "welcome" books which I brought to the baggage room on Main Deck forward. While in the baggage room I heard the fire alarm for what was the fire in my cabin. I had taken the elevator from "B" deck to ~~Aft~~ ^{main} Deck and had left my cabin approximately ten (10) minutes prior to hearing the fire alarm. While in my cabin I did not see any smoke or fire nor did I smell any smoke or anything unusual.

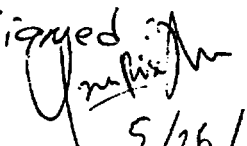
I was the last person in my cabin (D-98) prior to the fire to the best of my knowledge. I do not know what caused the fire but I did not knowingly or intentionally cause the fire on May 23, 2000.

I have not told any of my cabinmates or anybody else that I had used the coffee maker in my cabin just prior to the fire on May 23, 2000. I have read the above and it has been read to me. It is the truth.

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Holland America Line

To : Chief Officer
Ms. Nieu Amsterdam

My name is Yudha Purnama, ID number 11767. function: Bell boy
here is my statement that I would like to apologize because
I lie to you and the truth is I am guilty. It's all my fault
at the day of fire, one hour before that happen I
was going down to my cabin ~~for~~ making a cup of tea by
using the coffee maker. while I was having a tea, I was
called by my supervisor and I left the cabin.

But I'm really sure that I have already turn the switch
off but it still plugged in. I was careless.

Then I heard the fire alarm when I was in the baggage
room. Main deck about one or half hour later.

I was worried and very scared. I've tried to lie to everyone
even to all my roommate but I can't lie to myself.

I do hope that you can accept my apologize.

I do realize that I'm not gentle. I just don't want
to sacrifices my roommates. they're all innocent.

I am ready to dismiss from Holland America Line.

Thank you for your attention and most consideration



YUDHA PURNAMA